



# GULF COAST CHAPTER NEWS



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## *PRESIDENT'S CORNER*

### Lifetime Learning

One of the cornerstones of our profession is our need to continually freshen our knowledge. From participating in last month's outstanding Regional Professional Development Seminar to attending this month's Comptrollership Jeopardy event or Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training, your chapter provides continuous learning opportunities for everyone.

I am taking advantage of all these myself, and will soon be testing to become a Certified Defense Financial Manager. My local senior leaders have earned their CDFM, but they are still learning. Col White's aggressively completing the wide variety of courses required for his Acquisition Professional Development Program certification. Mr Herrera attained his APDP Level III certification in minimal time, and recently added an optional Defense Acquisition University cost estimating/analysis class to his training plan. Every financial manager should be a lifetime learner.

When Maj Gen Chedister (USAF, Ret) started the Air Armament Academy in 2003, he explained to our senior leaders that aircrew members get grounded if they don't continually train. Many other career specialties require continuous "check rides." One of Steven Covey's Seven Habits of Highly Effective People is "Sharpening the Saw."

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### ***President's Column - Continued***

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When we tell coworkers or customers we're financial professionals, they don't care what sub-specialties we're in. They expect us to know our business. If we don't know the answer to their questions, we should know where to find them and/or who to ask. Take advantage of our chapter's programs. When you come to our events, make it a point to meet others—including some amazing retirees you won't see at the office—that collectively know the answers to just about any question we'll face in our business. Make a personal commitment to lifetime learning!

Ken Pickler

## **Ways & Means – Jennifer Denega**

### **Ways & Means**

Chair Jennifer Denega

Vice-Chair Cleo Battle

### **2010 Air Show, 10-11 Apr 10**

#### **❖ Special Thank you to all our volunteers at Kid Zone**

Stacy Annese, Lisa Bickham and daughter, Katenna Edwards, Harold Johnson, Arkeisha Lawrence, David Herndon, Ron Millis, Sharon Pederson, Chris Spaulding & Mrs. Spaulding, Sandra Telemacque, and John Writer

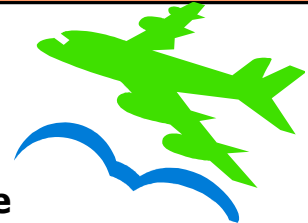
### **Future Event**

- ❖ Belk Charity Sale: 01 May 10, 0600-1000
  - ❖ Please e-mail if you would like to volunteer
    - ❖ To sell tickets – OFF-BASE ONLY
    - ❖ To work at Belk the morning of the Sale

Thank you to all who continue to volunteer for our Ways & Means projects. Your suggestions are always welcome for the Ways & Means Committee. If you are interested in being part of the Ways & Means Committee, please contact:

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Many Blessings for a Beautiful Spring!



## **Membership**

### ***Co-Chairs, Troy Brown and Woxie Williams***

Membership is available to individuals who are actively employed in military comptrollership, as active duty or civilian personnel for DoD or USCG. Associate membership is available for persons who do not meet the qualifications but are currently employed in a defense related financial management field. Employees of private sector companies who are interested in ASMC membership may join under the corporate membership program.

New military members in pay grades E1-E4 and civilian members in GS category GS1-GS7 can be reimbursed for half of their yearly membership fee. This is for new members only. Contact April Chapel or the membership chairs. If you are interested in joining, please contact Troy Brown at 883-0839 or Woxie Williams 883-3449.

Thanks,  
*Woxie & Troy*

## **Education – Donna Schulist and Sandra Telemacque**

*Co-Chairs, Donna Schulist and Sandra Telemacque*

Our Chapter's high school and college scholarship campaign continues. Applications are available on our Chapter's website (you may need to click the "Refresh" button to see 2010 updated information): <http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/education.html>.

If you know of any high school or college students pursuing a degree related to financial/resource management, please make them aware of this opportunity. The application deadline is 4 May 2010.

Our Chapter offers scholarships limited to Gulf Coast Chapter members. Applications are available on our Chapter's website (you may need to click the "Refresh" button to see 2010 updated information): <http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/education.html>. The application deadline is 4 May 2010.

Points of contact are Sandra Telemacque (2-3511, [Sandra.Telemacque@eglin.af.mil](mailto:Sandra.Telemacque@eglin.af.mil)) and Donna Schulist (2-4538, [Donna.Schulist@eglin.af.mil](mailto:Donna.Schulist@eglin.af.mil))

## **ASMC Achievement Awards**

*Big congratulations to the winners of the CY 2009 ASMC Achievement Awards! These awards will be presented at the 2010 PDI.*

Accounting & Finance, Unit under a MAJCOM, Distinguished: Capt Anita Logan, AFSOC's 1 SOCPTS, Hurlburt Field, FL.

And while not in our chapter, still worth a mention:

Analysis and Evaluation, Meritorious, Capt Jared Mitchell, AFSOC's 27 CPTS, Cannon AFB, NM.

## **Minutes: Executive Council & Regular Meetings**

The ASMC Luncheon Meeting minutes and the Executive committee meeting minutes are now posted on the Gulf Coast Chapter webpage.

To review them, please go to the website <http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/> and click on the tab marked "Minutes" along the top.

## **CDFM – Ron Millis**

### *Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training (EDFMT)*

There is still time to sign-up as a stand-by for the 19-23 April 2010 EDFMT course at Hurlburt Field. Several individuals have canceled their enrollments. If you're not on stand-by you won't get into the class.

<http://www.asmconline.org/educationtraining/classroom-training/enhanced-defense-financial-management-training-course-2/>

### CDFM Testing Resources

Modules 1, 2, and 3 of the CDFM examination cover a broad spectrum of financial management in twelve core competencies. Module 4, which is optional, covers 10 competencies with a focus on acquisition. ASMC anticipates that most members of the workforce will need to prepare in order to pass all modules. Use the links below to learn more about each module.

Module 1 - Resource Management Environment

<http://www.asmconline.org/certification/cdfm-modules/module-1-resource-management-environment/>

Module 2 - Budget & Cost Analysis

<http://www.asmconline.org/certification/cdfm-modules/module-2-budget-cost-analysis/>

Module 3 - Accounting & Finance

<http://www.asmconline.org/certification/cdfm-modules/module-3-accounting-finance/>

Module 4 - Acquisition Business Management

<http://www.asmconline.org/certification/cdfm-modules/module-4/>

As always, if you have any questions don't hesitate to give me a call at DSN 882-4329.

Ron Millis

## Community Service

### **PROGRAMS supported:**

1. Brilliant Minds - medical/educational resources for Autism, ADHD, & Down Syndrome children
2. Habitat for Humanity - creating affordable housing opportunities
3. Relay for Life - fight against cancer
4. Fisher House - providing home away from home that enables family members to be close to a love one during stressful times.
5. Blankets of Hope - handmade blankets supporting wounded soldiers/vets
6. Shelter House - survivors of domestic violence
7. Opportunity Inc - helping the homeless
8. Deployable Care Packages - sent to FM (deployed) troops
9. Helping Hand Committee
10. Give a Child a Christmas

### **UP-COMING events:**

RELAY FOR LIFE: 30 APR - 1 May 10. ASMC will be joining forces with the PK team. If interested in donating, volunteering, or walking for the event, please contact us. For donations:

(sel) [www.relayforlife.org/nicevillefl](http://www.relayforlife.org/nicevillefl)

(sel) View "All" next to Top Teams

(sel) AAC/PK & 96 CONS and join (or) find a member and donate  
RELAY FOR LIFE: collecting items for "**Spring Cancer Awareness**" gift baskets. If you would like to donate any of the following items and can donate by Tues, 6 Apr 10, please contact Sheila Hale or Capt Chris Spaulding. Examples of items are BBQ tools, gardening tools, seeds/bulbs, uninflated beach ball, collapsible gardening hat, sunscreen, etc.

FISHER HOUSE: Will be having a booth at the Air Show and selling the book, "Escape from the Box" by ex-POW, Col (ret) Ed Hubbard (\$25 to FHEC).

FISHER HOUSE: Eat at Tijuana Flats and 10% of proceeds will be sent to Fisher House, Mon, 12 Apr 10, 5-10pm.

SHELTER HOUSE: Lil Bits Kids Day, Lil Bits Consignment, 4980 South Ferdon Boulevard, Crestview, FL 32536, Saturday, April 10, 9 am - 3 pm. Volunteers are needed to help with an information booth, parking and accepting money.

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## **Community Service**

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SHELTER HOUSE: Wine and Dine in Paradise, Destin Charity Wine Auction Foundation Linkside Center - Sandestin Golf & Beach Resort Saturday, April 24, 12 - 4 pm Volunteers are needed as floaters to assist with setting up, wine pouring, etc.

### **ON-GOING events:**

DEPLOYABLE CARE PACKAGES - please continue to send names of FM troops that are deployed.

HELPING HAND/MOWING BRIGADE: continue to send requests of (family members) of (deployed) FM troops who need help (during their absence) for small projects around the house to include mowing. POC: David.Herndon@eglin.af.mil

Finally, if you have volunteered for an event, please contact us. Your suggestions are always welcomed!

POCs: Capt Chris Spaulding, [christopher.spaulding@hurlburt.af.mil](mailto:christopher.spaulding@hurlburt.af.mil), 884-2802 and Sheila Hale, [sheila.hale@eglin.af.mil](mailto:sheila.hale@eglin.af.mil), 882-8707

## ***Programs – Tim Bozoki and Deborah Washington***

Our April 2010 program will be a Jeopardy game. Eglin Building 1, Room 204, 11:30 AM.

## ***RPDS Door Prize winners***

At our recent RPDS, there were several opportunity drawings – baskets of goodies the attendees had competed for, and the winners are listed here:

BBQ Basket: Vivian McNichol

Fleece Blanket: Lynda Richardson

Date Night Basket (“Dinner & a Movie”): Sam Borrelli

Bath Body Works Basket: Donna Schulist

Fisher House baskets: Ken Pickler and Lanya Lester

There were also a number of small door prizes, too numerous to mention here.

## **Health care reform law's impact on IRS is uncertain**

By Katherine McIntire Peters [kpeters@govexec.com](mailto:kpeters@govexec.com)

One of the most contentious aspects of the health care reform law signed by President Obama on March 23 was the requirement that all Americans obtain health insurance that provides "minimum essential coverage," whether or not they want it.

Because the [Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act](#) requires the Internal Revenue Service to enforce compliance, critics say it will result in a significant expansion of the tax collection agency. Republicans on the House Ways and Means Committee [estimated in a March report](#) the IRS could require as many as 16,500 additional examiners, agents and other employees to implement the law. But IRS Commissioner Douglas Shulman said, "It's way too early to say exactly what we're going to need three or four years from now for the actual full implementation." Shulman further said new processes and technology could negate the need for substantial staff increases. "None of the individual tax provisions come into play this year," he said. "This is all down the road, most of them coming into play for 2013 and 2014."

What's more, the agency is limited in the actions it can take to enforce compliance. "Congress was very careful to make sure that there was nothing too punitive in this bill," Shulman said. "There's no criminal sanctions for not paying this, and there's no ability to levy a bank account or do seizures or [use] some of the other tools" available to the agency for enforcing laws.

Shulman said he isn't particularly worried that taxpayers will view limited penalties as an invitation to flout the mandate. "The vast majority of American people have a healthy respect for the law and want to be compliant with their tax obligations and whatever else the law holds," he said. If necessary, the IRS will levy fines against individuals who fail to purchase adequate insurance and collect them through tax return offsets. But the agency's "first line of defense is education," he said.



## ***Current & Next Meetings and other ASMC events***

### **UPCOMING ASMC LUNCHEONS –**

Mark your calendars:

15 Apr 10: Jeopardy game, Eglin AFB, Building 1, Room 204

Please contact our Program Chairs, Tim Bozoki (882-3318) or Deborah Washington (883-1779), if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions on program issues.

## ***ASMC Websites***

ASMC National Headquarters website is <http://www.asmconline.org/>

Our chapter website is <http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/>

We are looking for new ideas to include on our webpage. Please contact our webmaster, Lynn Becker at 850- 882-4866 if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions on chapter website issues.

## ***National News***

For more details, see [www.asmconline.org](http://www.asmconline.org).

Earn CPE credits by listening to or watching taped workshops and Service Day sessions from recent PDIs. You can access selected sessions online at

<http://www.asmconline.org/development/extendedlearning.shtml>

PDI 2010 will be held at the Gaylord Opryland in Nashville, Tennessee, June 1-4, with a theme of “Getting in Tune with Professionalism.”

Registration has begun - \$515 for ASMC members; \$615 for non-members.

***Remember our local website is <http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/>  
and ASMC national is <http://www.asmconline.org/>***

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